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1. DURING APRIL 27 VISIT TO QATAR, FORMER NEA LEGAL ADVISOR KEITH TEFFMAN MET WITH GOQ PRESIDENT OF CIVIL AVIATION HIGHER COUNCIL SAMI GAYID, WITH WHOM HUFFMAN ACQUAINTED FROM VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL CINSL AVIATION CONCLAVES WHICH THEY ATTENDED TOGETHER. HUFFMAN SAID THAT HE MADE IT CLEAR TO GAYID THAT HE NO LONGER ASSOCIATED WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE, BUT GAYID INSISTED ON DISCUSSING LOCKHEED PAYOFF ON GULF PURCHASE OF TRISTARS.

2. ACCORDING HUFFMAN, GAYID TOLD HIM SAME STORY HE HAD TOLD EMBASSY (REF A), AED ALSO CLAIMED THAT THE AMIR OF QATAR AND THE GOQ MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM HAD CORROBORATED HIS STORY TO THE AMBASSADOR. (COMMENT: THIS IS NOT RPT NOT TRUE. AMBASSADOR HAS NEVER RPT NEVER DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH AMIR, AND WHEN HE DID DISCUSS IT WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM

LATTER DID NOT MENTION GAYID'S ROLE (REF B). WE HAVE NOT SINCE HAD ANY CONVERSATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WITH ANY GOQ OFFICIAL EXCEPT FOR SOME PASSING REFERENCES TO IT IN CONVERSATIONS WITH GAYID ON OTHER SUBJECTS. END COMMENT.)

3. HUFFMAN SAID THAT GAYID WAS CLEARLY VERY UPTIGHT ABOUT HIS
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POSSIBLY BEING IDENTIFIED BY NAME IN CONNECTION WITH TRISTAR

PAYOFF, ALTHOUGH HE BLEW HOT AND COLD ON SUBJECT, I.E. AT ONE TIME CLAIMING HE HAD NOTHING TO FEAR FROM ANY DISCLOSURE SINCE HE WAS "CLEAN" AND HIS ROLE HAD BEEN CLEARED BY AMIR, WHILE AT ANOTHER TIME CLAIMING THAT HE WOULD SUE EVERYBODY IN SIGHT IF HIS NAME MENTIONED PUBLICLY.

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